

House Resolution 558

By: Representative O'Neal of the 146th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Council on American Indian Concerns; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Before Europeans arrived in what is now the State of Georgia, thousands of
4 American Indians prospered on its fertile soil and productive waterways in complex
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, American Indians are a diverse group with multifaceted systems of government
7 and rich languages, belief systems, and traditions; and

8 WHEREAS, many American Indian tribes, including the Cherokee, Muskogee Creek,
9 Seminole, and Yuchi tribes, have lived in our state and made significant contributions to the
10 betterment of our society; and

11 WHEREAS, more than 57,000 Georgians are American Indians and American Indian
12 descendants; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's Indians have maintained their traditional values and merit the support
14 of local, state, and federal governments as an important political, social, and moral presence;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, our governments and people must work in partnership with tribal leaders and
17 organizations to nurture hope for a greater future for American Indians.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize the many contributions American Indians have made and
20 continue to make to our state and commend the work of the Council on American Indian
21 Concerns on behalf of our First Georgians.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Council on American
- 3 Indian Concerns.